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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
KENJI ENDO : GROUP: 3651
SERIAL NO: 09/988,212 : EXAMINER: BOWER, K.
FILED: NOVEMBER 19, 2001 :
FOR: SHEET FEEDING DEVICE FOR AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2002 and the Restriction requirement faxed May 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 15 as shown in the attachment. Claim 15 in clean form are shown below:

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15. (Amended) A sheet feeding device for an image forming apparatus, comprising:
a plurality of separating members for separating sheets one by one; and
an automatic separation angle switching mechanism for automatically switching an
angle of said plurality of separating members,
wherein said plurality of separating members are alternately selected to separate the
sheets.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-Up Copy —

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